

Changing Drawers

You know sometimes in my off-and-on 20 years in retail, I have at times questioned the hiring of certain individuals. I don't think I have ever questioned it more than a current co-worker who has had three months total retail experience after driving truck for how many years he did that. Two TOTALLY different worlds and it certainly shows.

Within the first week of his employment, he was \$30.00 short on his till. For some reason, unbeknownst to me, the store feels that it is not necessary to have each cashier have his/her own till. Nothing to do with the employee. Our main office worker has worked at the store longer than I have been in retail and she doesn't find that a bit odd? I would like to have my own drawer as well so I do not get blamed for other's tills coming up \$30.00 short.

Tonight, I was really close to losing it. Said employee asked if he could start to sweep and mop the floor. So, I went to the office and got a fresh drawer. He had the audacity to ask me why I would do that. All right, I was confused. Apparently, he wanted to sweep and mop the floor plus watch the register?

Moments later, a customer (my sister-in-law no less) comes to the register. I call the cashier to the register to wait on her. Then, he has the nerve to question why I ask him to wait on her. Apparently, he is now of the mind that if you are working the same shift it is ok to run his register? I didn't understand that at all and he TOLD me I did not. He's right, I did not. I don't understand why you would want the person who is "responsible for your till being \$30.00 short" to run it at all.

Later little did I expect, I was running the register with the 3 month old retail employee standing behind my shoulder making

sure that I wasn't making any mistakes. That almost did it.

But I kept my cool and waited on the line of customers. I was not about to come down to his level when we were the only 2 in the store. Small store but at times more help is needed.

A person needing to go outside for a quick break being one of them. Thank goodness, it was time for him to leave. I might have taken the opportunity to have him leave a few minutes early.

My quick "Lord, Give Me Strength" really helped! Prayer is a powerful thing, isn't it?